

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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1. Laos

a. Planning for a 16 May joint offensive in the Plaine des Jarres continues despite Souvanna's reluctance. Souvanna has told Kong Le he still has "a couple of cards to play" politically.

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c. Hanoi is talking ominously. According to TASS, the North Vietnamese propose to "take effective measures to cut short the intrigues of the US and pro-American forces in Laos."

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2. Haiti

a. [ ] the partial withdrawal of Dominican forces from the frontier area, [ ] [ ] considerable concern over rumors and reports of impending invasion.

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c. The US Embassy is now getting "many reports" of government lists of persons selected for liquidation and of orders for the systematic murder of foreigners. According to one report it is to be "Americans first, then mulattoes."

d. Ambassador Thurston says the embassy consensus is that the mulattoes would be in real danger should Duvalier feel himself threatened.

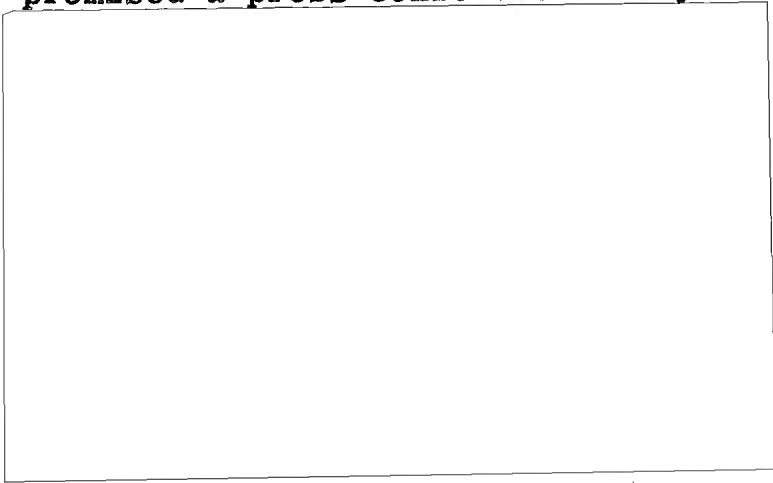
e. He thinks that, by painting Americans as a prime target, the mulatto group and others in opposition would hope to stimulate US action.

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f. As Thurston sees it, since most Haitians would seek to save their own skins should it appear that Duvalier was losing control, another abortive or ineffective attempt against the regime would bring the greatest risk of a blood-bath.


g. Duvalier is said to have promised a press conference today.



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### 3. USSR

a. Postponement of the Central Committee plenum from 28 May until 18 June will upset Khrushchev's planned schedule.



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c. The only known topic on the agenda for this plenum was to have been matters of "ideology." However, the Chinese problem will undoubtedly figure in it.

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#### 4. Cyprus

a. Tempers are rising over the failure to resolve the issue of Turkish and Greek municipalities.

b. The Turks see Makarios as moving toward unifying municipal administrations unilaterally and Ankara has warned both the US and British embassies that it "could not be sure" of the behavior of Turkish Cypriots should this continue.

c. Several Cypriot officials have put in a strong plea for US "intervention," not to support one side or the other but to "keep us from killing ourselves" and to "get people talking again."

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NOTES

- A. Jamaica-Cuba New regulations [redacted] will make Jamaican travel to Cuba more difficult. [redacted]
- B. Brazil Military tempers are flaring again. Army officers are incensed over a scurrilous public attack on a division commander last week by Goulart's brother-in-law, Leonel Brizola. [redacted] Goulart has so far ducked taking a position.
- C. Jordan King Husayn expects further troubles but appears [redacted] now that he can weather the storm. [redacted]
- D. Indonesia Caltex, Standard Vacuum and Shell have been informed that new regulations governing their operations will go into effect on 16 June. These presumably will reduce the companies' profit share to less than 40 percent. They have been told that should they decide against either resuming negotiations or accepting the new regulations, they have five months in which to close down. Ambassador Jones is fairly optimistic; he thinks this a tactic to force the companies back into negotiation. [redacted]

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G. Cuba Excellent photography for Sunday which covered the majority of the significant military targets reveals no significant changes.

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